

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-17, 20-25, 27, 28, and 30 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16, 20, 22-24, 27, and 30 have been amended. Claims 5, 8, 9, 18, 19, 26, and 29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 17, 18, 25, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by DeLorme et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,948,040). In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10, 12-14, 16, 17, 21, 24, 25, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Smith (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,365).

The Examiner objected to claims 6, 9, 11, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, and 30, but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

To expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's indication. In particular, Applicant has (1) rewritten claims 6, 11, 15, 20, 22, 23, 27, and 30 in independent form; (2) amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claim 9; (3) amended claim 16 to include all of the limitations of claim 19; and (4) amended claim 24 to include all of the limitations of claim 29.

The remaining dependent claims, including amended dependent claim 10, depend from amended independent claims that the Examiner indicated would be allowable.

Accordingly, the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 102(e) should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved



through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosure: Appendix